



# Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

**eNewsletter #394 - 30 April 2019**

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

📧 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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**30 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. EASTER and**

## **ANZAC Day 2019.**

A big thank you to you all.

We are so please to be able to report that no fatalities or serious injuries occurred in our Police Area Command (PAC) between the dates of Monday 15th – Friday 26th April 2019. This period took in Easter, ANZAC Day and of course the school holidays. We did however have four (4) major crashes but fortunately for those involved, nobody was killed or seriously injured, including pedestrians. It was a concerted effort by all, our General Duties officers in the Command, along with the Highway Patrol Command, the double demerit operation and includes of course you, the community's general adherence to driving safely and sensibly during the nominated period. So, keep on being safe and let's not change our road safety behaviour simply because we are back at work in the hustle and bustle and double demerits don't apply at the moment. There really is no excuse!

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### **24 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: A great news story! and just before ANZAC Day.**

Chief Inspector David Hogg from Kuring Gai Police Area Command returning WWI medals to Mr Ronald Marriott, son of the late Raymond Marriott. The medals were awarded to Raymond Mariott for his service in WWI and were lost/stolen in 1955. They were located by Manning Great Lakes (Taree) Police following the arrest of a male for unrelated break and enter offences in 2017. Officers from Manning Great Lakes have then set about tracking down the rightful owner, resulting in their presentation today.



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## 24 April, from Ku-ring-gai command: DOUBLE DEMERITS MADE SIMPLE

How many demerit points do you have?

- Four (4) demerit points for a Learner and P1 driver – over a three-year period
- Seven (7) demerit points for a P2 driver – over a three-year period
- Thirteen (13) demerit points for an unrestricted driver over a three-year period

### A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE:

\* Driver use mobile phone when not permitted = \$337 fine and five (5) demerit points

### DURING THE DOUBLE DEMERIT OPERATION:

\* Driver use mobile phone when not permitted = \$337 fine and ten (10) demerit points

### POTENTIAL END RESULT IS:

\* Drivers who use a mobile phone when not permitted = \$337 fine and Loss of ten (10) demerit points.

And this is only if this offence is detected - apart from the potential loss of your licence due to demerit points, you could lose your life or take the life of an innocent party by using a mobile phone when not permitted. Not worth the risk at any

time. Plus.....

If you are caught not wearing a seat belt, you could be fined \$337 and lose six (6) demerit points. Please drive carefully and consider your family, others and yourself.



**Thank you to Melissa and Tara who have volunteered to assist with the [Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby Facebook page!](#)**

Would you like to help with a Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page for your suburb? Know someone who might? Please [email us at NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](#). The Facebook pages also play a key role in supplying information for our weekly eNewsletter.

**Why Facebook?** Because the numbers reached are enormous. That's why it's called a social *network*. Our recent request for help with a missing person this week reached over 15K people in just over 24 hours.

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**From the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Parents play an important role in helping kids develop digital intelligence.**

It's never too early to instill good online habits & principles like: respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour & resilience.

[Here's our guide for parents & carers.](#)

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**Dates for the Diary:**

**Wednesday 01 May - 31 May:** Run 4 Blue NSW Police Legacy fundraiser. [Info.](#)

**Saturday 04 and Sunday 05 May:** Household Chemical Cleanout 9am- 12:30pm @ St Ives Showground. [Info.](#)

**Sunday 05 May:** Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. 10-4pm. Ku-

ring-gai Police Area Command will have a crime prevention stall, with Neighbourhood Watch volunteers assisting. Come and say Hi and discuss any particular concerns. Kids photo opportunities, FREE rego plate locking screws, Little Black Book of Scams, goodie bags, etc.

**Sunday 5th May:** St Bernards, Berowra Heights Year 6 kids car wash to raise funds for EOY graduation. Sausage sizzle, cakes & soft drinks whilst your car is getting a clean.

**Saturday 25 May:** Novus Foundation 2019 Almost Winter Ball [Info](#).

**Wednesday 19 June:** DV Expo 9:30 - 12:30 @ Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble

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**From Hornsby Advocate, Thursday, 25 April [\[Online edition link here\]](#)**

**[Page 1] SPEED** and red light cameras across Hornsby are raking in \$10,900 a day, with one notorious camera averaging \$38,000 a week in fines. Five cameras across the region nabbed 18,908 speedsters earning the State Government almost \$4 million in fines.

**[Page 5 edited] LEAD-FOOTED** motorists are more likely to be snapped by a speed camera in Wahroonga than anywhere else across Hornsby, new figures show.

Centre for Road Safety executive director Bernard Carlon said speed cameras were there to save lives. "We know that speed cameras work to slow drivers down, reduce the number and severity of crashes, and save lives," he said. "The NSW Government's 2017 speed camera review found that there has been an 85 per cent reduction in fatalities at fixed speed camera locations, and a 54 per cent reduction in fatalities at redlight speed camera locations." He said money collected from fines helped fund safety programs such as road upgrades, police operations, pedestrian crossings and school zone flashing lights.

**Speed camera revenue in 2018:**

- Wahroonga (Pacific Highway, between Gilda and Woodville avenues): 10,327 tickets totalling \$1,976,513
- Pennant Hills (intersection of Pennant Hills and Beecroft roads): 3365 tickets totalling \$854,374
- Waitara (intersection of Pacific Highway and Romsey St): 2344 tickets totalling \$615,770
- West Pennant Hills (Caste Hill Rd, between Pennant Hills Rd and Coonara

Ave: 2332 tickets totalling \$393,465

- Thornleigh (intersection of Pennant Hills Rd and The Comenarra Parkway): 540 ticket totalling \$138,486.

**Street Watch [Page 07 ] BEROWRA** A property on Rawson Rd was broken into between April 11 and April 16, and a reciprocating saw and two batteries were stolen from a shed. A small motorbike, a Honda CRF50F, was also stolen from the address believed to be stolen at the same time. However, it was only noticed missing last Friday. A white van may have been used in the break, enter and steal after it was spotted near the driveway early on the morning of Tuesday, April 16. The goods were valued at more than \$2000.

**HAWKESBURY RIVER** Ku-ring-gai police were out patrolling Hawkesbury River on Saturday during the Easter long weekend. Police conducted random breath and drug tests and conducted safety checks of boats. One person was fined for having an unregistered boat and being unlicensed to drive it. Police also issued several warnings for drivers not carrying a licence while on the water. Police are reminding people to stay safe and obey boating laws while enjoying the river.

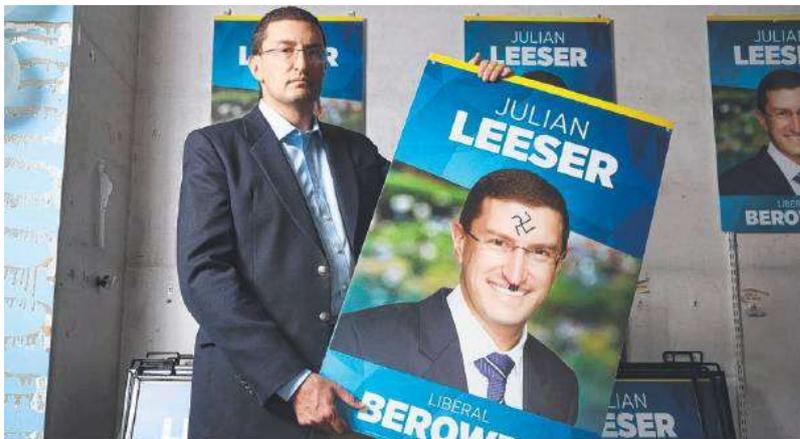
**ASQUITH** A 26-year-old man made an expensive late-night trip to McDonald's after being stopped by police and fined for driving unaccompanied on a learner's licence and driving without displaying his L-plates. He was stopped on Sherbrook Rd about 12.35am on Sunday. He allegedly told police he was hungry.

**BOBBIN HEAD** A 36-year-old woman has been rescued from the Berowra track near Bobbin Head after dislocating her ankle while walking on Sunday about 1.20pm. Emergency services were called after the woman suffered a dislocation and possible fracture to her ankle about 2km away from Apple Tree Bay carpark. Police transported her by boat to the carpark and she was taken to hospital by ambulance following the accident.

**KU-RING-GAI POLICE** An off-duty officer from Ku-ring-gai police has helped rescue a teenager in a boating incident. Just before noon last Wednesday, a 13-year old boy was the sole occupant of a small inflatable boat with an outboard motor in Peach Tree Bay at Seaforth. After losing control, the boy was thrown out of the boat and was left holding on to the boat as it circled. The off-duty officer, on a paddle board, came to the boy's aid and grabbed hold of a rope attached to the boat. The boat turned with the propeller cutting the officer's shirt. The boy was uninjured but the officer suffered a laceration to his torso. Marine Area Command also attended.

**The federal election campaign has taken an ugly turn** after Jewish MP Julian Leaser's campaign posters were defaced. Vandals drew swastikas and a Hitler moustache on images of the Berowra federal Liberal MP. Mr Leaser said one of his supporters had spotted the defaced posters near Normanhurst train station last Thursday afternoon — the eve of Passover, one of the Jewish religion's most important festivals. He believes the anti-Semitic attack was "designed to send a message" to him as a prominent member of the Jewish community. "Two had swastikas on them with Adolf Hitler moustaches and another two had ETU (Electrical Trades Union) stickers on them," Mr Leaser said. "I'm sad and upset about it. I think it's quite un-Australian, it's disgraceful and it's particularly distressing on the eve of Passover."

An Electrical Trades Union spokesman said it "did not authorise or condone the actions of the individual who placed a union sticker on a political poster". "We are confident that action was unrelated to the separate incident involving anti-Semitic graffiti being drawn on another poster," the spokesman said. "Our union has no tolerance for racism, whether in politics, the workplace, or the broader community."



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**REMINDER Sunday 05 May:** Ku-ring-gai Council's Festival on the Green, St Ives. 10-4pm.

Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command will have a crime prevention stall, with Neighbourhood Watch volunteers assisting. Come and say Hi and discuss any particular concerns.

- Ku-ring-gai police command vehicle
- Multi-cultural Community Liaison Officer available for chinese-speaking residents

- FREE Kids activities include police dress-ups, colouring-in and catch-a-robber photo booth. FREE rego plate locking screws - one-way locking screws to protect your car's rego plates being stolen and used for fraudulent purposes.
- FREE Little Black Book of Scams.
- Come and make up your own FREE personalised goodie bags.
- Have you a NHW window sticker on your front and back windows? They can act as a deterrent - come and get yours FREE.
- FREE - Do you need to borrow a shredder? Reduce the possibility of Identity Theft by correctly disposing of old bills and personal documents.
- Having trouble with cars blocking your driveway? NHW have a wooden stencil to borrow, along with council regulations and our advice, for you to paint white lines at the edge of your driveway.
- Neighbourhood Watch volunteers can help you in various ways. Please come along and find out how :)

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**29 April, from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC): The Federal Court has found Viagogo misled consumers when reselling entertainment, music and live sport event tickets.**

Viagogo claimed tickets to certain events were scarce when the scarcity only referred to the tickets it had available and didn't include tickets available elsewhere. Viagogo also misled consumers into thinking they were purchasing tickets from an official site, when in fact Viagogo is a ticket resale website. The Court will determine penalties at a later date.

[Media Release here.](#)

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**From the North Shore Times Thursday 25 April [Online edition here]**

**Temporary Road Closure: Womerah St at Pacific Hwy, Turramurra**

Council has approved the temporary closure of Womerah St, Turramurra at the intersection with Pacific Hwy from **30 April to 13 May 2019**. The purpose of the closure is to construct a pedestrian facility in Womerah St at Pacific Highway. Appropriate detour arrangements will be in place for residents to access their properties.

**STREET WATCH [Page 16]: EAST LINDFIELD** Cash and a watch were stolen from a home in Brisbane Ave while the occupants slept upstairs. The occupants woke on 23/4 to find the front door of the house open, damage to a ground floor window and property missing. Offenders are believed to have entered the home through the ground floor window during the night, before taking the cash from a wallet and handbag on the ground floor and leaving.

**LINDFIELD** A business had its emails hacked, resulting in two customers paying falsified invoices. The customers received emails from someone posing as staff,, stating that their normal bank account was under audit. The email provided alternate account details for payments. The matter is being investigated and it is unknown if the payments will be recovered.

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**28 April, shared from Mt Colah and Mt Kuring-gai Community group:**

**MISSING TARP**

Hi if anyone found a Toyota Hillux Ute black tarp on the road this afternoon between & along Bannockburn Rd Pymble, Bobbin Head Rd Nth Turramurra (& through the National Park) through to Mt Colah & along the Pacific Hwy to Mt Kuringgai can you please PM me ASAP. Many thanks.

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**27 April, from NSW Police [edited]: taken from Media release detailing examples of irresponsible behaviour on NSW roads during Day Three of Operation Go Slow**

**Mount Colah:** About 10.10pm (Friday 26 April 2019), a Toyota Rav4 was observed travelling south on the M1, Mount Colah, without its headlights on. It was detected travelling at 122km/h in the 110km/h zone, before entering an 80km/h roadworks zone. The vehicle then increased its speed to 145km/h and made numerous lane changes without using indicators. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 22-year-old man, was issued for infringements for exceed speed by over 45km/h, and other traffic offences. His licence was suspended.

Operation Go Slow, the state's ANZAC long-weekend road safety operation, started at 12.01am on Wednesday 24 April 2019 and will run until 11.59pm on Sunday 28 April 2019. Police across NSW are continuing to target all speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt and motorcycle/helmet offences, which will attract double demerit points. Operation Go Slow Key statistics (Cumulative total – started on

Wednesday 24 April 2019):

Total infringements issued (not speeding): 4561

Speed infringements: 2503

Breath tests: 147,385

Drink-driving charges: 125

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## 27 April, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner: Wondering what the eSafety Commissioner does?

We provide a range of quality online safety resources & programs to help Australians have safer & more positive experience online.

[More info on their website here.](#)

Find safety resources about youth cyberbullying & report processes, information about digital literacy & safety tutorials for parents/grandparents, or get help for cyber abuse & image based abuse.



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27 April, shared from Wahroonga Community group yesterday: Hi all, I am in Boundary Rd.

My neighbour just came over very distressed about a man driving a white Hilux

(or similar) with P plates and she was gardening out the front. He asked her if she was married to which she answered I'm very married (she's well into her 60s) and then he asked her if she would go for a drink with him. She said no Thankyou and then he drove off but she said he kept driving up and down the street for a while. Very creepy. A heads up in case you see this man.

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**24 April, from NSW Police: Police from Central West Police District are appealing for public assistance as they search for a man who is wanted on outstanding warrants.**

Adam Miller, aged 35, has an outstanding warrant for firearms offences. He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, 177cm tall, weighing 77kg with a thin build, brown hair and blue eyes. He has a tattoo of two Asian characters on his right forearm, a design around his right bicep, and spade on his right hand. He is possibly driving a silver Mitsubishi Triton ute, with NSW registration DTZ-76W. Police believe the men may be armed and dangerous; and as such are appealing for anyone who sights them not to approach, but to instead contact **Triple Zero (000)** immediately.



**24 April, shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group: \*\*Sunday 21st intersection crash\*\***

Hello everyone, on Sunday 21st at around 9:30pm I was T-Boned on the intersection between Duffy Avenue and Chilvers Road, I was heading straight towards pennant hills road when a driver pulled out to turn down Chilvers Road and hit me, obviously they weren't paying attention but have told their insurance I ran a red light... There were multiple witnesses- all defending me but I was unable to get any of their contact numbers, one was a lady walking their dog and the other was a blonde lady in a pink top that lived in one of the houses around the intersection. I'm hoping some of the witnesses or witnesses friends/family are in this group and could PM me ASAP. Drivers like this shouldn't be allowed on the road. Drive safe everyone. Thank you in advance!!!



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**23 April, from Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural News: Unfortunately the thefts continue.**

This was stolen from Canoelands. If you see them being sold anywhere - let Nathan and the police know

# STOLEN



- Polaris Sportsman Ace
- Honda CRF 150R
- Yamaha YZ 85
- KTM 50 SX

## Reward Offered

If anyone has information  
please call or message:  
Nathan- **0412048784**,

The bikes and buggy were  
stolen from Canoelands on  
Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of April  
between 1 and 2AM. The  
kids would really like to  
have their bikes back and  
would greatly appreciate if  
anyone could help.

### **23 April, from Bush Telegraph Weekly: Berowra kids out of control.**

Police have been called to a break and enter in progress at Berowra Marketplace Tuesday 22 April despite young offenders given numerous warnings today by frustrated business owners. No less than 5 police vehicles attended under lights and sirens when under age kids thumbed their collective finger to long suffering business owners and allegedly blatantly entered a premises at Berowra Marketplace today in broad daylight. Young primary school children who alleged also admitted to entering the former IGA premises 'because the door was open' were warned off by Police and older kids were questioned at length by police officers. Berowra Marketplace business owners who were victim to the IGA fire in September 2015 which destroyed the old IGA supermarket have valiantly traded on regardless of the setback and kept the Centre viable. Since then Lot 16 has been completely refurbished and is ready again for sale or lease. This is not an isolated incident. Local kids have been using Lot 16 as their own to trash for some time. There are police incident reports to support this. There is real concern about

these local kids who show no fear, show no respect for their community and appear to have no concept of right and wrong.

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### From "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Travel":

**Tip #4:** ALIGN THE WHEELS of your pram or motorised scooter PARALLEL to the train platform edge to avoid accidents, ie not pointing towards/away from the track. Always apply the brakes on a station platform or whilst travelling on a train/bus/taxi. Always use a 'Pram Harness'.

**Tip #5:** SCAN YOUR ITINERARY, passport & travel insurance documents and save them to a secure USB and/or cloud-based storage. Include your Emergency Contact numbers, Consulate & Embassy contact details. Copy both sides of the cards in your wallet (the back has emergency contact numbers).

**Tip #6:** IF YOU ARE AWAY FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD consider house-sitters, inform your insurance & burglar alarm companies, set TV and lights on timers, and make your home look lived in. Ask a neighbour or friend to:

- put your bins out and in each week;
- regularly empty mailbox, collect mail & remove junk mail/freebie newspapers;
- park in your driveway;
- mow lawn and/or nature strip;
- regularly check the outside of your property to remove any clues that your home is empty (eg a note/business card on your door, or a delivery on the doorstep).

**Tip #19:** USE A MOTION ALARM that can be placed over the hotel doorknob, or a door-stopper alarm, or a simple rubber wedge to place under the door. Request an extra key at the front desk, so no one will know if you're traveling alone.

More of the 20 Tips series can be downloaded FREE from [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au) or email us at [NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com](mailto:NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com).

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An oldie, but a goodie from UK Cop Humour

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## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS**

**Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000**

**NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799**

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

**Ku-ring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723**

**Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai LAC](#)**

Non-emergency two-way communication

**Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000**

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

**Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444**

For non-urgent minor crime

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

## **Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450**

[NSW Police - website](#) for crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

## **Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:**



**Website** [NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au](http://NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au)



**WatchOut!** [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au) - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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## **Local Facebook pages:**



**WatchOut!** Our Crime Prevention [WatchOut! Facebook page](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra \(technical issues\)](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby](#)



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